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Particle Measuring Apparatus Using The Same

LETTER OF RECORD TO REQUEST CONFIRMATION THAT THE EXAMINER ACCEPTS THE DRAWING AMENDMENTS FILED ON 23 MARCH 2005 AND 24 JULY 2006

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Sir:

Applicant wishes hereby to resolve the following discrepancies noted in the prosecution record for the referenced case:

- (1) The examiner has not indicated acceptance of the original drawings filed on 23 March 2005;
- (2) The examiner has not indicated acceptance of the amendments to the drawings filed on 23 March 2005; and
- (3) The examiner has not indicated acceptance of the amendments to the drawings filed on 24 July 2006.

DISCUSSION

Applicant's Preliminary Amendment-A, filed concurrently with the application on 23 March 2005, included amendments to Figs. 2(a), 2(b), 4(a), 4(b), 5, 6(a), 6(b), and 6(c).

The examiner did not indicate acceptance of either the drawings filed on 23 March 2005 or the drawing amendments filed on 23 March 2005. Instead, the office action dated 24 March 2006 states that the examiner objects to the drawings because they do not show condensers as mentioned in claims 4 and 15.

Applicant's Amendment-B Under 37 CFR 1.111, filed on 24 July 2006, included amendments to Fig 4(b), 6(a), 6(b), and 6(c).

The examiner did not indicate acceptance of the drawings filed on 24 July 2006, either.

CONCLUSION

Applicant hereby requests that the examiner confirm acceptance of the drawings, as amended on 23 March 2005 and 24 July 2006, for the referenced application.

Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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